

# ROTARY SPOKES

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## Ventura Police Chief Ken Corney

Police Chief Ken Corney joined the Ventura Police Department in 1986. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1995, Commander in January 2000, to Assistant Chief in December of 2003, and appointed as Police Chief in December of 2009.



During his career Chief Corney served as a Patrol Officer, Field-Training Officer, Gang Investigator, Crisis Team Negotiator, SWAT Operator, Team Leader and Commander. Chief Corney was also the supervisor of the Special Enforcement Team and Gang Violence Suppression Unit (SET/GVS)

During his tenure as Special Enforcement Team Supervisor, Chief Corney led the team that obtained nearly five million dollars in state and federal grants to support innovative department programs, including the Drug Suppression in schools, Gang Violence Suppression, and Youth At-Risk Programs. Chief Corney also spent more than 20 years actively developing and leading the department's Arrest Control and Use of Force program efforts.

Chief Corney holds a California POST Executive Certificate, has a Master's Degree in Organizational Management from Azusa Pacific University and a Bachelor's degree in Public Relations/Journalism from California State University, Long Beach. He is also a graduate of California's POST Command College and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Policing. Chief Corney currently serves as a Regional Representative on the California Police Chiefs Board of Directors and is a frequent participant in the Police Executive Research Forum's summit meetings on critical issues in policing.

The first record of a City Police Department was in 1866, when the City of Ventura was incorporated. The Chief

was J. W. Stevens, who served from 1866 to 1868. Aside from the names of the Chiefs of Police, little recorded information is available until around 1919. The first fourteen or fifteen chiefs, called town constables or marshals, were usually one-man departments.

The seventeenth Chief, J. H. Hardy, 1923 to 1926, was publicly elected to a four-year term. The total number of men on the Department during Hardy's term was one traffic officer in uniform and a night watchman.

The twentieth Chief was T. W. (Billy) Neal, who was also elected. His term was 1931 to 1949. Ventura became a Charter City in 1933, and the new City Manager re-appointed Neal as Chief of Police. During Chief Neal's term, the Police Department had a "Police Judge", Beryl Gregg. He heard drunk cases, parking violations, drunk driving cases, or other misdemeanors. He also performed marriages and gave personal advice to those who needed it. During this time, the number of police personnel had increased to a total of sixteen police officers. The force was responsible for policing a population of less than 10,000 people.

## WE'RE BACK

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July

2014 Family Festival & Fireworks  
at Ventura College

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## Recap of May 14 Meeting

Greg Kincaid began the meeting by reciting a Buddhist prayer. Clyde Reynolds soloed in "It's a Grand Old Flag."

Sign-up sheets will be going out for Fourth of July volunteers and for the June 17th Demotion Party. District Governor Jack McClenahan was on hand again to sell raffle tickets benefitting PolioPlus. Rob vanNieuwburg conducted fining. For his Rotary Moments, Steve Kipp saluted the past presidents of the Club.

President Irene acknowledged members who have brought in members in the form of new pins: Dale Jaedtke, who sponsored Sarah Abrams and Courtney Lindberg, who sponsored Ken Leandro.

President Irene and Dr. Dick Hatcher awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to Alex Wulff. Alex is the son of our fellow Rotarian Harald Wulff.

### Program

Ken Leandro introduced the program, comprising five middle school students from the De Anza Academy of Technology and the Arts and their instructor, Alex Wulff.

Alex explained that the students have had a rigorous few weeks travelling from Ventura to Washington D.C, to Las Vegas as the 'Wind Surfers' tasked with designing and perfecting a wind turbine machine. In Washington they won the National KidWind Competition in the Middle

## Today's Program

### *Ventura Police Chief Ken Corney*

Introductions:	Duane Georgeson
Rotary Moment:	Lynda Girtsman
Fining:	Sally Crain

### Future Programs

May 28	Ventura College: Phoenix Scholarship Winners
Jun 04	Ventura HS Interact Bake Sale

students had some free time in the nation's capital and enjoyed it immensely.

They then attended the National Convention of Wind Turbines in Las Vegas and managed to meet a director Siemens Corp. who has invited them to see him in Florida.

Club members asked the students about their future plans. They responded that they would be seeking careers in technology.

DATA is a Magnet Middle School offering 21st Century curriculum including technology infused learning, project based learning, Visual Thinking Strategies and S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Our club has helped DATA in the past with monetary gifts from the Julius Gius Memorial Foundation.



*The "Wind Surfers" of DeAnza Academy of Technology and the Arts are students (l. to r.) Peyton Erickson, Micah Wilcox, Nicholas Burdick, Noah Terminello and Tadek Siekiel-Zdzienicki. Their teacher Alex Wulff is behind them.*





*Ken Leandro pins his sponsor, a jovial Courtney Lindberg.*



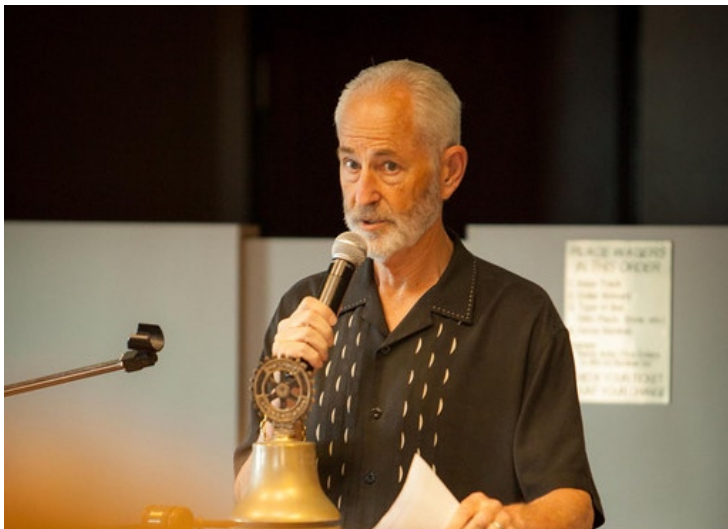
*Ale Wulff, instructor at DATA receives his Paul Harris Fellowship from Dr. Dick Hatcher and Irene Henry.*



*Dale Jaedtke receives a pin from Sarah Abrams for bringing her into the club.*



*District Governoe touts an upcoming Polio Plus event. Check the DIstrict website for more details.*



*Steve Kipp shares his Rotary Moment.*



*Rob vanNieuwburg conducted the fining.*



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### President Irene's Demotion

**Discovery | Ventura  
Bowling, Cocktails  
& California Cuisine  
1888 E. Thompson Blvd.  
June 17, 2014  
5:00 PM to 9:30 PM**

#### May Birthdays

Jim Deardorff, May 06  
Joe Schaaf, May 08  
Connie Young, May 13  
Hutch Hutchinson, May 14  
Neal Andrews, May 15  
Betsy Chess, May 24  
Leo Tauber, May 26  
Mel Cheatham, May 29

#### May Anniversaries

Gary Young, May 11  
Hoot Bennett, May 13  
Greg & Sarah Abrams, May 19  
Erik Feingold, May 27  
Connie Young, May 27  
Mel & Sylvia Cheatham, May 30  
Matt LaVere, May 30  
Jeff King, May 31



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